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Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Fighting so others may live

(Above) Capt. Pete Ortiz, 55th Rescue Squadron, completes paper work prior to deploying from D-M.

(Right) Staff Sgt. Gerry Messier, 55th Rescue Squadron, hugs his wife Lisa goodbye before leaving to board a C-5. Capt. Ortiz and Staff Sgt. Messier deployed to fight in support of the global war on terror Saturday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Base residents voice concerns

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

On Oct. 27, Airmen and their families living on base were given a chance to voice a variety of concerns and ask questions to Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and other base leadership.

"The Desert Lightning Team Town Hall meetings benefit everyone who attends by giving base leadership and base residents opportunities to interface in a friendly, informal atmosphere," said Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander. "They give base leadership opportunities to 'get the word out' on important issues and future plans that may impact base residents. They also allow the residents to make suggestions for improving the base and ask questions they would like base leadership to answer."

To expedite the flow of information, a variety of experts are present at the Town Hall meetings.

"Senior base leadership is present at all Town Hall meetings to address many of the

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AADD program revamps, extends services to Airmen

Airmen volunteers, donations save lives from drinking, driving

Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Today, the Airman Against Drunk Driving program will get a facelift to help develop and nur-

ture Davis-Monthan's Airmen.

The changes will help the program better serve the needs of its callers, said Staff Sgt. Ingrid Drawdy, AADD vice president.

In the past, the program operated on a stand-by basis, meaning volunteers were on stand-by until they were contacted to pick up Airmen, Sergeant Drawdy said. Now, on-call volunteers stay in a centralized location at the Ground

Floor, in Building 3500. The chapel donated the use of space in support of the program.

Volunteer drivers and coordinators will stay in the Ground Floor for the duration of their shifts.

All the amenities of home will also be available to volunteers, Sergeant Drawdy said. Pizza and movies will be provided.

Placing AADD at the Ground Floor helps the program in other

ways too, Sergeant Drawdy said. The new location improves and expedites the program to better serve its callers. This change helps centralize the program and reduces the customer's waiting time while at the same time providing volunteer accountability.

The program's new location brings new hours as well. Friday

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Count down to DM 50 Picnic celebration underway

On Nov. 13 the Davis-Monthan Community is invited to attend the 14th annual DM 50 Picnic at 11 a.m. The picnic will take place at Bama Park. The DM 50 will provide free food and beverages for attendees in addition to a variety of free entertainment. For more information about DM 50 sports competitions see, **Spiking, passing, dodging for a seat in DM 50 winner's bracket**, Page 19.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing Commander, presents Loretta LaBenne, daughter of Staff Sgt. Judsen LaBenne, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, with the award for the National Red Ribbon Poster Contest at Smith Elementary.

Looking out for your fellow Airmen

The holiday season is nearly upon us. This time of year provides numerous opportunities for festive activities. Unfortunately, for others it is an opportunity to potentially make life-altering decisions such as drinking and driving.

Its cost in human lives or injuries, plus the families ruined, make it unacceptable with our commitment to protect our nation.

Drinking and driving may indicate a deeper problem. Or, it may reflect a one-time event. In any case, it reflects a serious failure of judgment and maturity.

To deter and combat this, the Desert Lightning Team has a variety of initiatives aimed at curbing this problem. It starts with our young Airmen living in the dorms. The Underage Drinking Task Force provides those under 21 with alternatives to drinking. From monthly white water rafting trips to ski trips, it offers energetic fun for all.

The Chaplains run the Ground Floor. It offers more than spiritual fellowship; it helps Airmen reinforce the importance of making responsible decisions in their lives.

The Lightning Strike Force is another avenue for us to connect with our young Airmen. It allows us to nurture Airmen by

allowing NCOs and officers a chance to interact with younger Airmen in their environment. It helps other base leaders and me stay informed on what issues face our maturing men and women. It not only takes the pulse of the dorm life for 20 to 25 hours each week, LSF allows me to ensure the newest to our Air Force have their problems resolved quickly.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a phenomenal grass-roots commitment to take care of those of any age and any rank who need a ride home after having a drink (or several). It is free and provides safe rides home. This year alone, more than 495 folks gave them a call at 850-2233. These numbers are up from last year. That tells me the message is getting through. I applaud those who volunteer. I also think those who make the call show incredible judgment.

These initiatives are set against a backdrop of a positive safety culture. We reinforce this culture with periodic safety meetings, commander's calls, roll calls and the Air Force Form 29B. In a multitude of forums, the Desert Lightning Team emphasizes the importance to make smart, sound and safe decisions by recognizing the risks and taking action to prevent harm. Not driving after having a drink or two is fundamental to that effort.

Do these initiatives make a difference? I think so. Comparing our population with the city of Tucson, we have approximately half the number of DUIs. But a single DUI is unacceptable. So, we will continue to "push up" our efforts.

What happens to those who make that failed judgment? Even if no one is hurt, the consequences are considerable, costly and possibly career ending.

On base, you will lose your driving privileges. We inform the state that issued the license and they may revoke it.

If you are picked up off-base by city or county police, you may spend time in jail.

Local law enforcement may revoke your driver's license. You face up to \$2,500 in fines and court fees, plus having to pay for a lawyer. The lawyer can cost \$3,000. In addition your insurance will skyrocket.

While we do not have jurisdiction, we do document an off-base DUI with administrative action.

I realize DUIs do not happen in isolation.

In the majority of the cases, the Airman was out with other Airmen. The other D-M commanders and I will take action against those who let their friends get behind the wheel of a car. We have a responsibility to each other ... 365/24/7.

The overwhelming majority of the time, our Airmen are responsible with alcohol and driving. Other leaders on the Desert Lightning team and I will never relent in our effort to eliminate DUIs. The human cost is too high, and its impact on the unit far reaching.

So as we approach the holiday season, let's look out for one another. Together, we are the best tool to defeat this problem. If you're away from home and have had more than one drink, I ask you to show the fine judgment you display every day in uniform ... ask for a ride. You'll show a strength of character that, in the morning, makes all of us proud.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers. Still no solution?

The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information.

If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Chaplain.....	228-5411
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401
Clinic.....	228-2930
Commissary.....	228-3116
Family Support.....	228-5690
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714
Housing Office.....	228-3687
Inspector General.....	228-3558
Legal.....	228-6432
Lodging.....	228-4845
Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
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ACC devotes day to nurturing Airmen

On Monday the Desert Lightning Community will celebrate Wingman Day by focusing on developing and nurturing every base Airman.

Wingman Day is dedicated to help nurture a culture of Airmen taking care of Airmen, according to Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander. The day will focus on physical, mental and spiritual fitness. Airmen will receive a break from everyday work to take care of one another. The day will stress that each person has a unique purpose and is

a valued member of the Air Force family.

In celebration of Wingman Day, 355th Wing agencies will close and military personnel will report to duty in their civilian physical training gear.

In addition, all 355th Medical Group agencies will close to include the pharmacy and the appointment line. All medical appointments for Monday will be rescheduled.

For more information about Wingman Day will be provided through squadron commanders and first sergeants.

D-M Airmen receive selection to command

Two colonels from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base were selected by the 2004 Command Screening Board as command candidates.

Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander, was selected as a fighter wing command candidate.

Col. Mark Noyes, 563rd Rescue Group commander, was selected as a special operations/rescue wing command candidate.



Col. Michael Isherwood
355th Wing
vice commander



Col. Mark Noyes
563rd Rescue Group
commander

Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty for **presenting a fake military ID card to a liquor establishment with the intent to obtain alcoholic beverages**. This was a violation of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Communications Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to pay the balance on the Government Travel Card**. This was a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from 355th Civil Engineer Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and 45 days extra duty for **wrongful use of marijuana**. This was a violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a forfeiture of \$200 pay, with \$100 of that forfeiture suspended and 21 days extra duty for **failure to go**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction and 45 days extra duty for **driving a vehicle while intoxicated and for underage drinking**. These were violations of Article 111 and 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a reduction to airman basic, a suspended forfeiture of \$596 for two months and 30 days extra duty for **being absent without leave and for wrongful use of marijuana**. These were violations of Article 86 and 112a of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Contracting Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by one vacation of suspended nonjudicial punishment, one Article 15, three letter of reprimand and one record of individual counseling.

◆ An airman basic from the 563rd Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by two Article 15s.

◆ An airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by two Article 15, two LORs and one record of individual counseling.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocates Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

News Notes

Power outages

Two power outages will take place Saturday affecting Buildings 204, 205, 206 and 4710. The first outage will occur at 7 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m. Both outages are expected to last 30 minutes. For more information, call 228-3171.

FSC closure

The D-M Family Support Center will provide limited service Monday to Wednesday. The FSC is closing Nov. 12 to 22 for building renovations and training. For emergencies, contact the 355th Mission Support Squadron orderly room at 228-2208.

AAFES hours

The Army Air Force Exchange Services will observe the following hours Thursday:
Main Exchange: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Home and Garden Center: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Car Care Center and Shoppette: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Burger King: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
General Nutrition: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Shoppette: Closed
Snack Bar and Food Fun: Closed
All other AFFES concessions: Closed

CFC extends

The Combined Federal Campaign deadline has been extended until Nov. 24. For more information about making a contribution, contact a unit CFC representative or Capt. David Gilkes at 228-5242.

Yard sale signs

There are yard and garage sale signs available for family housing residents to check out at the self-help store. The signs are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. For more information call 228-3735.

Munitions requirements

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight requires all units with munitions requirements to submit their fiscal 2006 forecast by Nov. 19. All current munitions users have forecasting instructions. All other units which anticipate a need for munitions within the next five years must contact munitions operations as soon as possible at 228-8274. Failing to forecast munitions requirements will limit or restrict availability. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Micheal Roundtree at 228-8274.

Terrorism history

Nov. 4, 1979 the American embassy in Iran was seized and 63 people were taken hostage.

Changing lives

D-M Airmen impact local youth, build leaders

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

After dedicating more than 200 man-hours during a five week period, Davis-Monthan's volunteers graduated 151 Tucson middle school students from Operation: Leadership Boot Camp Oct. 29.

The LBC Airmen mentored students from Magee, Townsend and Naylor Middle Schools, teaching them five LBC core values.

The core values the Airmen strived to teach the students were teamwork, discipline, respect, social awareness and physical conditioning.

These core values provide the students a foundation in life, said Senior Airman Joseph Godfrey, LBC instructor. They are qualities that can help the students as they get older.

The 16 D-M volunteers who came from organizations throughout the wing and 12th Air Force dedicated approximately 18 hours a week to the LBC program.

During this time the goal was to instill old fashioned respect in the children while teaching them discipline, said Staff Sgt. Clarence Augurson, LBC commander.

By teaching the children discipline, they will also learn confidence, gain self-esteem, understand the value of team work and leadership, Sergeant Augurson said.

The students are required to participate in drill, physical conditioning, class discussion and community service. In addition, they must maintain a passing grade point average and show an improvement in their physical conditioning.

According to school leadership, the impact

of the LBC on the schools youths is obvious.

"I have seen a real difference in the students," said Vicki Borders, Naylor Middle School teacher. They have succeeded in becoming leaders in the school.

"This program is not for every student," Ms. Borders said.

When LBC kicked off in mid-September there were more than 200 students enrolled.

Some students don't make it through the program for various reasons, Airman Joseph Godfrey said. They are not removed by instructors unless they have issues the instructors are not equipped to deal with. However, many students did not realize how much work and discipline LBC required before they signed up, so they quit.

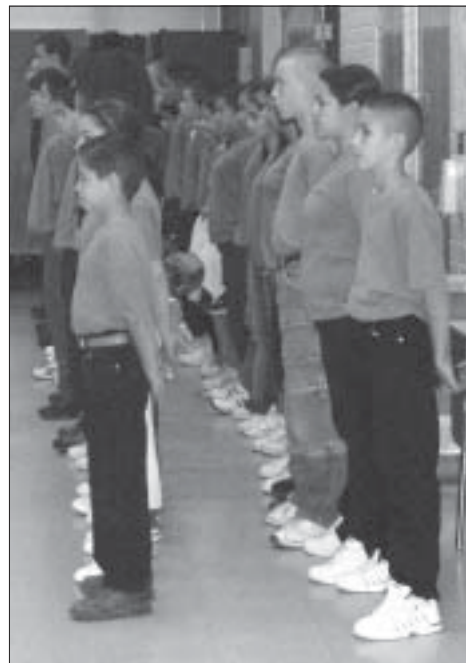
In addition to being a teacher who has seen the impact LBC has on students in the classroom, Ms. Borders has seen the impact in her home. Her son, Michael was enrolled in the program at Magee Middle School.

He loves to go to LBC, said Ms. Borders. He has learned to be proud as part of a team and the country. He also learned the importance of being responsible.

Students are not the only ones who felt the impact of participating in the program.

"The entire middle school community is positively affected when the other students see the respect gained and leadership qualities of the LBC trainees," Sergeant Augurson said.

If one child walked away with a better attitude, higher self-esteem or a better outlook on life, said Senior Airman Latancia Godfrey, LBC instructor, "it makes me feel the time and effort we put into the program was all worth it."



Students at Tucson's Naylor Middle School, stand in formation to prepare for the Operation: Leadership Boot Camp graduation Oct. 29.

The next session of the program has not been planned due to Sergeant Augurson's acceptance to Officer Training School and a permanent change of station. He is looking for a selfless, dedicated and responsible person to become the new LBC commander.

Sergeant Augurson would like to thank his wife and son for supporting his vision of helping kids in the Tucson community for the past six years.

"It only takes a moment to make a difference," Sergeant Augurson said.

For more information about volunteering, send an e-mail to bootcamp@cox.net.

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and Saturday the program will be available from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday, drivers will not be required to come in to the Ground Floor, but they will be on stand-by from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is currently looking for drivers and coordinators to help cover weekend shifts, Sergeant Drawdy said. Volunteers can work as much or as little as they want.

To make sure the customer feels comfortable, the program sends female volunteers to pick up female customers and male volunteers to pick up male customers. Drivers are allowed to bring an-

other volunteer or a friend to ensure their own safety.

There are many ways Airmen can volunteer their time to AADD. The program needs volunteers to serve as alternate president and alternate vice president.

Alternate positions are in-place to ensure stability in case of deployment, Sergeant Drawdy said. Airmen Against Drunk Driving would prefer to have staff sergeants and above for those positions.

In addition, AADD is also looking for a representative from each squadron to help AADD complete its mission.

A squadron representative is responsible for briefings at commander's call meetings and monitoring the unit's volunteer rate. They also ensure everyone in

the squadron knows the program is available to them.

"Volunteerism for AADD is a reflection of the service-before-self value the men and women of D-M possess," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant. "Currently our AADD program has more than 200 volunteers. There is no reason why a member of our Air Force family should ever risk his or her career or, more importantly, their life, by drinking and driving."

So far this year, the program has saved 495 lives. This is an increase of 217 from the year before. In 2003, the program saved 278 lives.

The program is open to any Airmen with a military ID at no cost.

In addition, the program guarantees complete anonymity, Sergeant Drawdy said. When a cus-

tomers calls, the volunteer asks only for a first name, a physical description and the number of people in the party.

Volunteers will pick up Airmen in most of the greater Tucson area as firm boundaries have not been set, Sergeant Drawdy said. Once a caller has been picked up, the driver will not make any additional stops.

Chief Cobb said, "The D-M AADD volunteers are an integral part of our Air Force family."

To volunteer as a driver, an alternate president or vice president contact Sergeant Drawdy at 228-9247 or ingrid.drawdy@dm.af.mil or Senior Airman Alex Rosales at 228-8606. To serve as a squadron representative, e-mail Airman Brenda McClain at brenda.mcclain@dm.af.mil.

Traffic board aims to keep D-M safer

Addressing concerns, improving roadways

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

"Preventing injuries and deaths is the bottom-line," said 1st Lt. Joseph Parsons, 355th Security Forces Squadron Assistant Operations chief.

It is this objective which caused Davis-Monthan to form a Traffic Safety Board to ensure base driving conditions are as safe as possible.

"The ultimate goal of the board is to increase driving safety through cooperation of various base agencies to decrease vehicle collisions and traffic violations," Lieutenant Parsons said.

According to Capt. Christopher Johnson, 355th SFS Operations officer, the board is designed to bring together different agencies on base that have a stake in traffic flow on D-M.

The TSB includes representatives from agencies like the civil engineer squadron, Army and Air Force Exchange Services, Defense Commissary Agency, safety, security forces, logistics readiness squadron, public affairs, Motorcycle Advisory Council and the Tucson Police Department.

"Anytime base agencies communicate more effectively and analyze problems together from different angles, the community as a whole will benefit," Captain Johnson said. "Also, anytime safety concerns are addressed by various base level agencies the trickle down effect will be to nurture Airmen in a way to be more cognizant of the environment around them."

Lieutenant Parsons said the best way to do this is through awareness and enforcement programs.

"Most people in the law enforcement community would focus on new enforceable standards, consequences (punishment) for

violating traffic laws and high tech equipment," Lieutenant Parsons said. "At this point in my career of service, I feel the board is important because it strives to improve a safe motoring environment."

The concept of this type of board is not new to the Air Force.

"Several (Air Combat Command) bases have had traffic safety boards formed to address traffic flow and traffic safety issues," Captain Johnson said. "They have had a positive impact on those bases in communication between various agencies being increased and resulting in less traffic congestion, fewer accidents and better understanding of traffic laws on base."

The board plans to improve D-M by studying lessons learned from other traffic safety boards, looking at accident trends on base as well as exploring new forms of technology.

"We are looking into some cutting edge technology and studies

being done at other outside agencies which could bring computer simulation of traffic trends to the table," Captain Johnson said. "(These) could help head-off recurring problems on both traffic flow on base and sites where accidents continually occur."

In the meantime, all drivers on D-M can have an impact on creating a safer driving environment on-base.

"When we look at the statistics for accidents that occur on base, a disproportionate amount of them are due to inattentive driving," Captain Johnson said. "People can limit the number of accidents just by paying attention while they are driving; especially paying attention in parking lots and to any posted speed limits."

For more information regarding D-M's Traffic Safety Board, or to make a suggestion for ways to increase driving safety, contact Lieutenant Parsons at 228-1387 or at joseph.parsons@dm.af.mil.

Meeting

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questions," Colonel Rodriguez said. "Experts from the civil engineer squadron, security forces squadron, mission support squadron, services squadron and medical group are also present at the meetings to provide additional up-to-date information."

According to Carol Mares, 355th CES housing facilities chief, residents do not have to wait for the next Town Hall meeting to voice concerns. Instead, they can visit the housing office.

However, she said the meetings are still an important communication tool.

"Residents should go (to Town Hall meetings) to stay informed of projects in housing, events in services, schedules for the chapel and general base information," Ms. Mares said. "This is a great opportunity for all residents to directly address the commanders."

Providing this direct access is just one way D-M leadership is striving to develop and nurture Airmen and their families.

"(The Town Hall meetings) give base residents an opportunity to participate in a forum that could ultimately help improve the base and the quality of life for everyone on base," Colonel Rodriguez said. "Any questions that can not be answered on the spot are researched and given directly to the individual or published in the base paper if it would benefit others that reside and work on base."

The following are questions posed during the last Town Hall meeting and the answers.

Question: The boarded up houses are getting more pests. Can something be done?

Answer: Pest control in housing is the responsibility of our housing maintenance contractor. So far we have not seen a rise in the number of pest calls in or around boarded-up units, nor did we experience any pest problems in our past housing renovation/construction projects. Though they don't respond to calls in family housing, the 355th CE Entomology shop will do a weekly survey of the area until all the houses are removed. They will report any problems to housing maintenance and then treat the problem.

Q: What construction is happening at Swan Road Gate?

A: It will be closed sometime after the New Year for renovations and to build a sun shade similar to that at Craycroft Road Gate. We will double our gate guards at Craycroft to help expedite traffic. In addition, construction and contractor traffic will flow through Bravo 29 gate so they will not back up Craycroft traffic.

Q: When exiting Swan Road Gate, the speed limit goes from 40 mph to 15. Can the speed drop gradually so people don't have to slam on their brakes to do the speed limit?

A: Security forces have also identified this problem and are working with CE to find a solution so traffic will gradually slow down.

Q: Has there been trouble with people jump-



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Senior Airman Jeremiah Pedre, 355th Security Forces Elite Guardsman, verifies military IDs at Swan Road Gate before allowing personnel to enter D-M. Swan Road Gate will close after the new year for renovations.



Hector Tarazon, Capanear Contracting Corp., strikes joints to ensure the block is clean on the inside of the vehicle inspection station currently under construction at the Swan Road Gate.

ing the fence? If so, can it be fixed?

A: Security forces conduct random patrols, but they cannot cover the entire fence line at all times. We need all base residents to assist us in identifying security problems. All Airmen and their families are sensors, so if you see something, get all of the information and report it directly to the 355th SFS at the Eagle Eye hotline, 228-8888, or the Crime Stopper Hotline, 228-4444, and they will respond immediately. As a safety reminder, keep your doors and cars locked at all times.

Q: How do I get rid of pests, specifically stray cats?

A: The CE Entomology shop can loan out humane traps for residents with "stray cat" problems. Once a stray is trapped, the resident should bring it to Animal Control in Tucson (who will charge a drop-off fee). Unfortunately,

the City of Tucson does not require collars or tags for cats, so it's possible the cat you're trapping belongs to your neighbor. First, please make every effort to determine if your "stray" is actually a neighbor's cat and work a "neighborly" solution. If trapping is the only answer, call CE Entomology at 228-5368.

Q: Are there plans to add ramps to sidewalks or make them wider for wheelchair use?

A: In the new housing areas, sidewalks will have ramps. We are now looking into what it will take to retrofit older sidewalks with ramps.

Q: Can we dim the lighting on base for stargazing?

A: Unfortunately no. We have to keep light levels where they are so our Airmen can complete the mission safely.

Q: What are the plans, if any, to improve the FamCamp?

A: We are going to expand the FamCamp by adding 40 slots. The FamCamp makes a tremendous amount of money for the base due to the milder weather we experience compared to the rest of the country. These additional 40 slots will allow us to capitalize on that market and provide even more money which will be turned back around to enhance the morale, welfare and recreation type activities we offer through our services squadron.

Q: What are you going to do with the old base exchange?

A: We are going to turn it into the Professional Development Center. The center will include the Base Education and Training Services Flight, the colleges that are presently in Building 3200, the National Testing Center and the Base Library. The PDC will be capable of hosting all base education and training to include professional development courses.

Q: Could you please post cops at the bus stops to get rid of the bullies?

A: Security force will continue to conduct random patrols at the bus stops. We also encourage parents to escort children if there are problems at the bus stops.

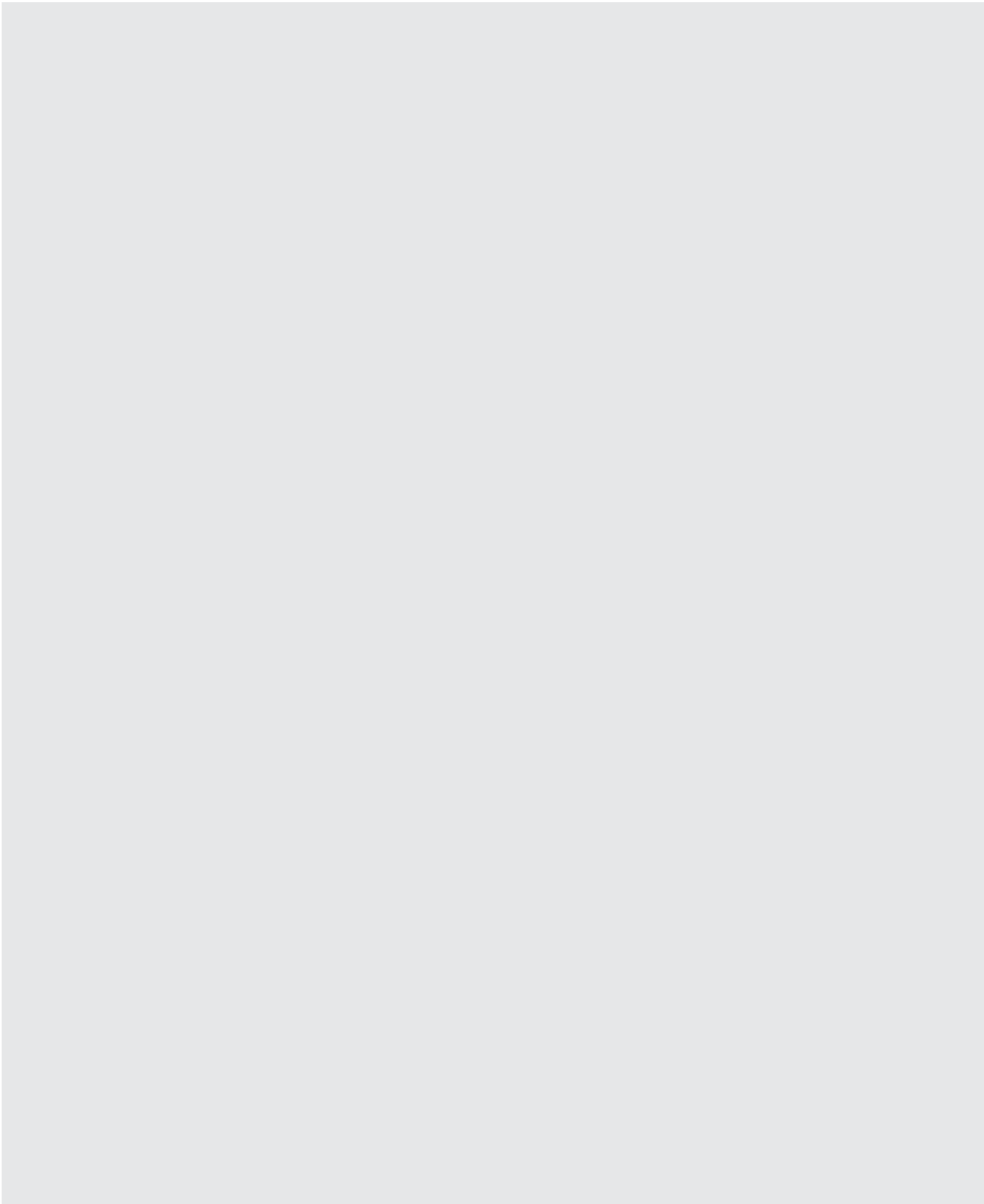




Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ivey McLean

The view from inside a car that was involved in a drunk driving accident. The effects of drinking and driving can rock an entire community regardless of its size.

Airman shares personal DUI experience

One mistake was all it took to learn lesson

By Lt. Col. Neal Robinson
355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

If you've ever watched Charlie Brown in a "Peanuts" episode, you may have witnessed a scene when he talks to his teacher. All you ever see of her is a shot from her waist down. The dialogue between the two is even stranger. You can understand what Charlie Brown says but her responses sounds like a muffled trumpet, "Whaa, Whaa, Whaa, Whaa, Whaa ..."

Sometimes that's what you may hear when you listen to your leadership talk about drinking and driving — Whaa, Whaa, Whaa, Whaa ... Maybe you've heard it so much you tune it out. Well, if at this point in the article you are starting to hear the "Whaa, Whaas" hold tight.

The following is a personal account of my Airmen's driving under the influence experience.

On Aug. 27 I experienced something that was 100 percent preventable; there is no reason an Airman should drive drunk. I was reminded of that the night I got detained for DUI with a blood alcohol test reading of 0.16, twice the legal limit.

The night began with a bunch of buddies and me going out to sing karaoke and to have a few beers. Things started fine and I was drinking what I'd planned on drinking because I had role call the next day at 5 a.m. I did not want to get drunk.

While drinking a couple of beers, I met up with some people and the couple of beers turned into a few more than I'd planned. I was having

a good time and not thinking about the amount of alcohol I'd consumed.

When it was time to go, I hopped in to my car without thinking twice about the alcohol I consumed and drove to the base. I did what I normally do; I drove up to the gate slowly and got out my military ID. The guard at the base asked me where I was coming from and I told him a friend's house. He asked me how I was doing and if my passenger was OK I told him the passenger had a lot to drink and he was fine. The gate guard then asked me to shut off the engine. At this time I started to become a little nervous. I didn't know how much my blood alcohol content would be if I took a breathalyzer.

The guard asked for my license and registration and I became more nervous. I honestly thought I was sober until I got to the gate and the guards started asking me questions about alcohol.

During the process I kept thinking not me, I am not drunk, I only had a couple of beers. I just thought of the disappointment I made for myself, my mother, my unit, my squadron and my fellow Airmen.

I never believed this would happen to me. Before I joined the Air Force, I always volunteered to serve as the designated driver and told my friends not to drink and drive. All of these things went through my mind during questioning at the security forces squadron.

Once I was released to my first sergeant, I sat wondering what was going on and where my career stood. I thought my career would be because I knew the military is now more strict with non-judicial punishment. While talking to my first sergeant, he told me it was not the end of the world, but to me it felt like the night would never end.

After my conversation with the first sergeant, I just wanted to go home. The next day I kept

wondering what everyone was thinking or saying. I felt embarrassed. I wanted to crawl into a hole and not come out.

After all was said and done, I was required to attend classes for extended education about alcohol and its affects. I lost a stripe and I received 30 days extra duty and 30 days base restriction. But I know the punishment could've been 100 times worse. I realized if I had an accident and hurt someone other than myself, I wouldn't be able to look myself in the mirror ever again.

Throughout the process my flight chief and supervisor have been very supportive. They said everyone makes mistakes and I have to press on. I definitely leaned from my mistakes and I want to press on with my work. However, I want everyone to learn from my poor example. With my story, I hope I can prevent other Airmen from repeating the mistakes I made.

My troop could have very easily avoided all of this by having a plan before he went out for the evening. Here are some reminders:

- ◆ Establish your designated driver before you go out.
 - ◆ If those plans fall through call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 850-2233.
 - ◆ Call a friend or a supervisor to come pick you up or call a cab.
 - ◆ Call your first sergeant. They would rather pick you up and make sure you get home safely rather than deal with the consequences of a DUI charge.
 - ◆ Memorize the command post number; it's 228-7400. They wing command post can patch you through to your first sergeant at anytime.
- As you can see there are plenty of options to make sure you get home safely, just remember driving after drinking is not an option. Take heed and take care.

Working to prevent loss of life

Striving to take care of fellow Airmen — an irreplaceable resource

By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

The level of sacrifice and risk a person must embrace in order to fulfill the mission can define the difference between an occupation and a calling. As Airmen, we understand losing one's life is an unfortunate possibility that comes with military service. We accept this fact, and honor those who give the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

It is the death of Airmen through other means — avoidable accidents or suicide — we cannot, and will not accept. These are senseless, tragic losses ... losses that can curtail a vibrant young life, tear at the very fiber of our institution and permanently scar a family.

Even at a time of war, as we suffer combat casualties, off-duty accidents account for the highest number of deaths of our people; last year we lost 99 Airmen to accidents. Whether the cause was excess speed, alcohol use or inattention, the results were the same — we lost our most important resources — fellow Airmen.

Add to this, in the past fiscal year twice as many Airmen took their own lives than in the previous year; 57 Airmen saw no other way to get through a crisis and chose a permanent solution to temporary problems.

All of us receive training in safety, risk

management and suicide prevention annually. Clearly we possess the education and capability to make the right decisions and to look after each other. However, training and knowledge are not enough, we must take action.

Today's operations tempo can cause a great deal of stress, anxiety and even grief for our Airmen and their families. As any battle commander knows, you have to be able to recognize when you need reinforcements. These reinforcements can come in the form of reaching out to a friend, supervisor, commander or a trained professional such as the chaplain, family advocate or life skills provider. That's what Airmen do for each other.

But first, it's vital you make the smart decision not to hurt yourself or anyone else and ask for support when you, or your fellow Airman needs it. We all must be vigilant and take the time to care about those around us — Airmen take care of Airmen!

We must build solid relationships before a crisis hits — between supervisors and subordinates, between co-workers and within families.

This isn't a new concept; we have the tools, we just need to ensure we're using them. It all comes down to the basic roles and responsibilities of being good leaders.

We need to start our new Airmen off right. For example, when an Airman has a permanent change of station into a base, the immediate supervisor should embrace the role of sponsoring the new arrival and plan to spend time showing the Airman and his or her family around the base and the community. Find out what their interests are and give them the tools for success in their new environment. It's vital to build a strong

relationship between supervisors and subordinates — that means regular face-to-face communication. Make sure your feedback sessions are not driven just by the timelines in our Air Force Instructions. Feedback, both positive and corrective, is vital to understanding today's Airmen.

The leaders I respected most throughout my career were those who knew my name instead of "Hey Airman." They took the time to know my wife and children, where we were from, my hobbies and certainly my goals. They took a vested interest in me by communicating and demonstrating I was a valued member of the team.

Good leaders go even further; they involve the entire team. The best leaders find creative ways to bring everyone together, including families for fun and fellowship. I'm not talking about quarterly "mandatory fun," but real events where people can enjoy camaraderie and get to know each other outside the job.

We are "family" and each member makes a valuable contribution. We would not be the world's greatest Air Force without the hard work and daily sacrifice of every Airman.

I encourage each of you to return to the leadership basics. Know their backgrounds, families, strengths and weaknesses, what motivates them, and what they care about. The result will be relationships that encourage everyone to seek help when they need it, and one where supervisors are able to identify those who are at risk.

Together, we can turn the tide on this senseless loss of life and ensure that every Airman understands how valuable they are to their families, to our Air Force, and to the nation.

Final Answer

What traits make a good leader?



**Airman 1st Class
Robert Catts**
612th Air Communica-
tions Squadron

"A good leader should possess good character and experience that allows him to not only instruct the troops but to set the example and inspire them."



**Senior Airman
Bruce Demaree**
355th Component
Maintenance Squadron

"The ability to have patience when asked simple questions and to work well with younger Airmen."



**Airman 1st Class
Sean Carroll**
355th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"Someone who takes responsibility for themselves and has a sense of honor and respect."



**Capt.
Dave Cote**
355th Communications
Squadron

"A good leader should keep people first, stay focused on the mission and be able to follow."



**Master Sgt.
Joseph Jackson**
612th Aircraft
Intelligence Squadron

"A good leader should possess perseverance, common sense, good character, listening skills and the ability to make the right decision versus the popular decision."



**(Ret.) Lt. Col.
Vern Williamson**

"A good leader gets their people what they need to do the job, a place to do it and gets everyone off of their rears."

(Editors note: An upcoming Final Answer question is: "As a child what did you want to be and why?" If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, contact the Desert Airman staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy at 228-5714. Volunteers who submit answers must be available to take a picture during the same week.)

Crew chiefs' names soar into "Wild Blue Yonder"

Davis-Monthan names new Dedicated Crew Chiefs

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

New Dedicated Crew Chiefs' for D-M were announced at a ceremony Oct. 29.

The Air Force established the DCC program to promote quality maintenance on aircraft and to foster pride in ownership for selected aircraft maintainers.

The DCC is primarily responsible for the condition, serviceability and air worthiness of the aircraft and oversees all maintenance actions on their assigned aircraft.

Section chiefs, with approval from maintenance supervision, select DCCs based on the Air Combat Command Supplement to Air Force Instruction 21-101, Aerospace Equipment Maintenance Management. A DCC must hold the rank of senior airman or staff sergeant.

The DCC's name remains on an assigned aircraft until he or she leaves D-M, changes squadrons, separates or is promoted out of the position.

354th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Senior Airman Thomas Barry, Senior Airman Shawn Beto, Staff Sgt. Keir Breslin, Staff Sgt. Jason Clark, Senior Airman Jeremy Cook, Senior Airman Joseph Gumienny, Staff Sgt. Robert Guthrie, Staff Sgt. David Halliburton, Senior Airman Joel Hamm, Senior Airman Jeremiah Hansen, Senior Airman Corey Johnson, Staff Sgt. Michael Kozeniesky, Staff Sgt. Ian MacArthur, Senior Airman Oliver Maddox, Senior Airman James Menden, Staff Sgt. Eric Mollison, Senior Airman Derek Pettorosi, Senior Airman Gregory Piermarini, Staff Sgt. Robert Pullen, Senior Airman Robert Scearse, Senior Airman Scott Klusman, Senior Airman Shannon Sheridan, Staff Sgt. Jacob Smith, Staff Sgt. Isaac Soto, Senior Airman Gregory Stell, Senior Airman Nicholas Tarbox and Senior Airman Benjamin Varner

357th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Staff Sgt. Sam Ayun, Staff Sgt. Sean Callies, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Carpenter, Senior Airman Robert Chaplin, Staff Sgt. David Cheatam, Staff Sgt. Omoro Christian, Senior Airman Brandon Cooper, Staff Sgt. Jamie Copeland, Senior Airman Sean Dailey, Senior Airman Jesse Eschenbach, Senior Airman

Jorge Gomez, Staff Sgt. Timothy Granados, Senior Airman Christopher Heising, Senior Airman Eric Kilcullen, Staff Sgt. Jason Kinnick, Staff Sgt. Michael Minamy, Senior Airman Shane Neel, Staff Sgt. Alexis Adorno Nunez, Senior Airman Roger Osorio, Staff Sgt. Thomas Puckett, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Robertson, Senior Airman Brent Stokes, Senior Airman Joshua Talpas and Staff Sgt. Edwin White

358th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Staff Sgt. Case Armsey, Senior Airman Ryan Baxter, Staff Sgt. Steven Bourne, Senior Airman Christopher Biggers, Senior Airman Kurtis Buffington, Staff Sgt. Eric Clements, Senior Airman Jeremy Codick, Senior Airman Cory Frederick, Staff Sgt. Eric Ganshert, Senior Airman Anthony Haney, Senior Airman James Healy, Senior Airman Kenneth Hoeflick, Staff Sgt. Aaron Hulse, Staff Sgt. Kendall Kirk, Senior Airman Joseph Klingler, Senior Airman Joseph Mann, Staff Sgt. Joel McCann, Senior Airman Brantly Mouch, Senior Airman Nickolas Pavesich, Staff Sgt. Michael Scholze, Staff Sgt. Steven Sturgeon, Senior Airman Justin Szewczyk, Senior Airman Wesley Tandy and Staff Sgt. Ronald Zimmerman



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member -- officer, enlisted or civilian -- of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is 2nd Lt. Fernando Ruiz of the 355th Mission Support Group. Prior to permanently changing areas, Lieutenant Ruiz was with the 355th Communications Squadron. His first sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Randy Hinsperger, selected him because "he is an outstanding young officer who is dedicated to doing his very best and getting the best out of those who work with him."

The following are Lieutenant Ruiz's responses to a variety of questions.

Best aspects of the job: Seeing how the unique missions of different squadrons and groups come together to carry out the base mission.

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? When you put on the uniform, you're considered a hero by the public. Serving in the Air Force is an honor and a privilege.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Bring your best to the fight everyday, no matter what your job is. We're Airmen first, specialists second.

Your most memorable moment in the Air



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Force? Graduating from Officer Training School and looking forward to all the opportunities that lay ahead.

Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why: My wife, JoAnna; she puts in more hours than I do each day and still has the energy to be an incredible wife and mother.

Maintenance squadrons winners

Congratulations to the following D-M Airmen who won quarterly awards:

Weapons Technician of the Quarter

NCO category:

Staff Sgt. Thomas Hamilton
357th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Airman category:

Senior Airman Ryan Ato
357th AMU

Armament Systems Technician of the Quarter

NCO category:

Staff Sgt. Stephen Theissen
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Airman Category:

Airman 1st Class Adrian Salas
355th EMS

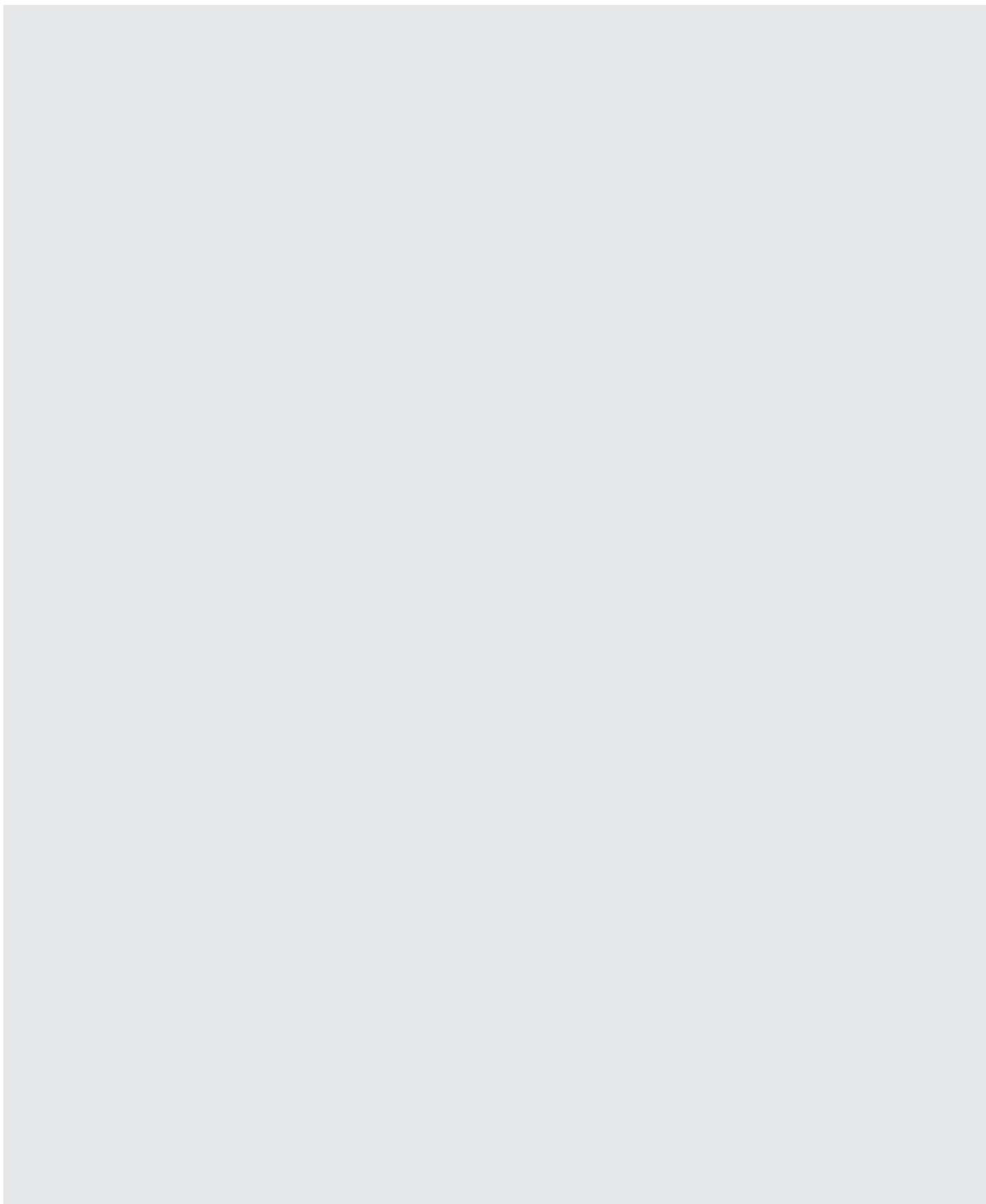
Weapons Flight of the Quarter

357th AMU Weapons Flight

Congratulations to the following Airmen who won the 355th Wing Weapons Load Crew Competition Oct. 29:

358th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Staff Sgt. John Halloran
Airman 1st Class Christopher Langbehn
Airman 1st Class Steven Dennison



Halloween Party

D-M Family Support Center sponsors party for children of deployed Airmen



Photos by Senior Airman Cat Casaigne

(Above) Theodore Finkler, son of Kassia Finkler and 1st Lt. Maxwell Finkler, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, prepares his bowling ball for a strike. Theodore, among others, came to celebrate at a Halloween party the D-M Family Support Center hosted. A total of 96 family members joined the fun.

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

On Oct. 30, the D-M Family Support Center hosted a Hearts Apart Halloween Party at the D-M Community Center for children who have parents deployed.

The free, three-hour party included activities such as bowling, a haunted house, a pumpkin walk, go-fish games, door prizes and refreshments. Ninety-six family members attended the Hearts Apart Halloween Party to enjoy the festivities.

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base community had 30 Airmen help to ensure children and spouses had plenty of activities to do.

The volunteers helped set up for the party, ran game booths and cleaned up after the party was over.

Hearts Apart sponsors various activities throughout the year for deployed Airmen's families. For more information, contact the D-M Family Support Center at 228-5690.

(Right) Kit McConnell, daughter of Anna McConnell and Petty Officer 1st Class Michael McConnell, U.S. Navy Reserve NMCB7 Detachment 10, trick-or-treats at the Halloween party Oct. 30.



(Above) There were various displays throughout the Haunted House at the Hearts Apart Halloween Party. The party also had a pumpkin walk, go-fish games, bowling and refreshments for those from D-M who have family members currently deployed.

Honoring Native American History

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

Across

1. Navajo Indians performed this talking during WWII
5. Ben Nighthorse ____; Native American senator
13. Fibber
14. Disney's ____ & Company
15. Army commissioning source
17. ____ mater
18. Textile dealer
19. Draft
20. Barley and buckwheat
21. A Stooge
23. Native American tribe of Southwest
27. Mars
30. Site of a leaning tower?
31. Commotion
33. Morgue status, in brief?
34. Kingdom
36. Body of water
38. Flightless bird
40. in ____ of; instead of
42. Chickasaw awarded

- Medal of Honor for action in Korean War
45. Mai ____ drink
 48. Fox rival
 49. Anger
 50. Winnebago awarded Medal of Honor for action in Korea
 52. ____ corpus
 55. Fed. organization concerned with drug trade
 56. Pie ____ mode (2 words)
 57. Colombian river
 60. Part of a ship
 64. Desire
 65. Agenda
 66. Gumbo need?
 67. Before, in the old days
 68. ____ Childers; Native American awarded Medal of Honor—WWII
 69. Earl Grey and green
 70. Space shuttle, in brief
 71. Irish poet
 72. Jingles

Down

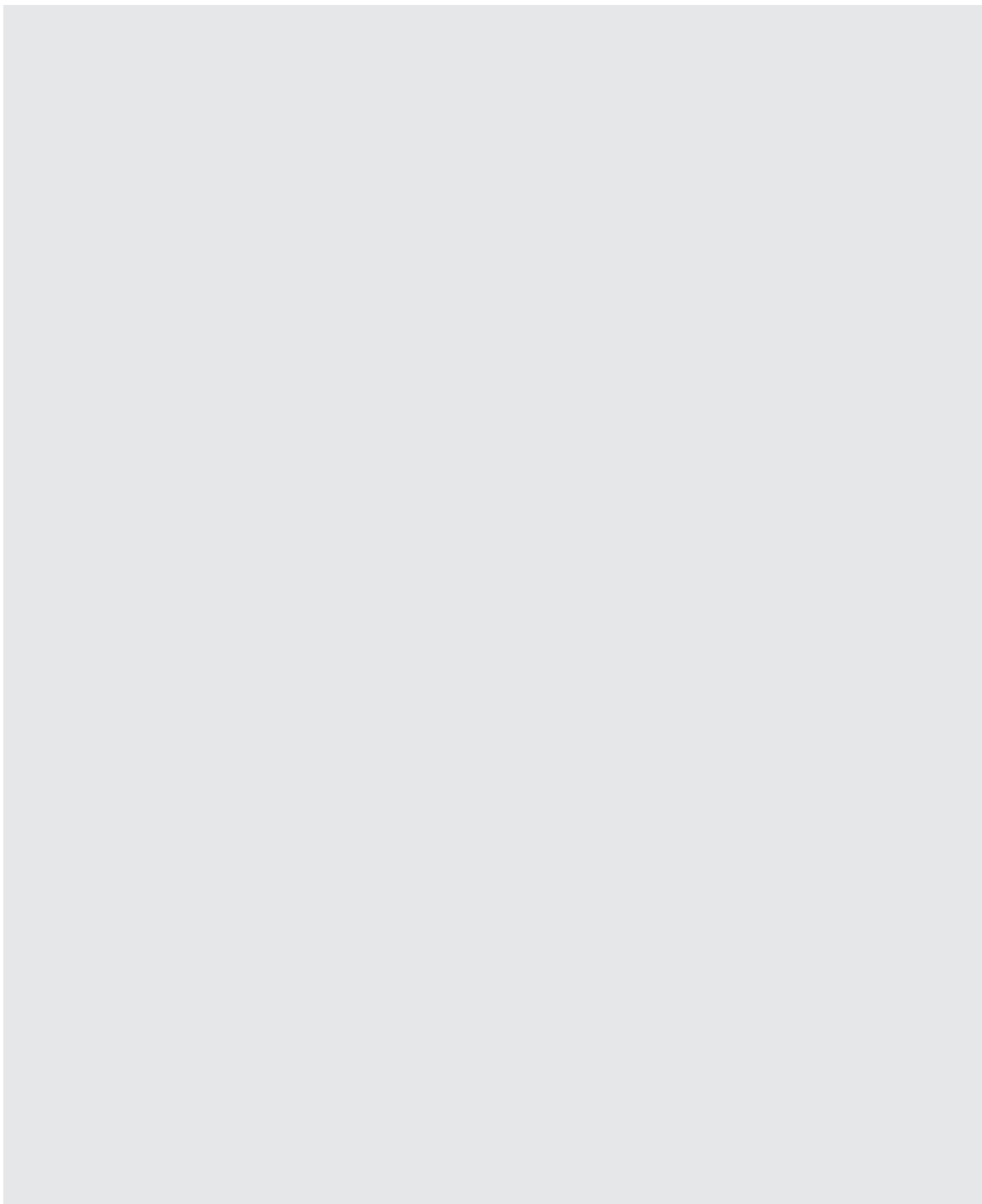
1. First Native American to graduate from Naval

- Academy
2. Greasy
 3. Lady
 4. Deleted
 5. Direct, as in troops
 6. A summer sign?
 7. Swampy land
 8. Plumbing pipe, in short
 9. Something in a bonnet?
 10. Mistake
 11. Group
 12. Cleopatra killer?
 16. Moolah
 22. A type of passage?
 23. Spring mon.
 24. Dessert
 25. Type of cat?
 26. Thought
 28. Part of a foot
 29. Penn movie, "I Am ____"
 31. Burn residue
 32. Rowing need?
 35. Restaurant list
 37. Beastly
 39. Native American tribe of Southwest
 41. German conjunction?
 43. Compete
 44. Vote in favor



(The solutions for this week's puzzle are located on Page 25.)

46. Abusers
47. Beverage need?
51. Native American tribe of Plains
52. Pima Indian who raised flag over Mt. Surabachi
53. Warn
54. Ruins
57. Cylinder
58. What the princess had in her mattress?
59. Lean, like on ship
61. ____ a living; got by
62. Epochs
63. ____ Vegas
65. Attempt



Spiking, passing, dodging for a seat in DM 50 winner's bracket

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

As the ball barrels down, the player instantly leaps into action. Diving down onto his knees, he smoothly passes the ball from his forearms into the air at the perfect angle for his teammate to crush it down across the net. The crowd roars as another point is added to the board.

Across the park, another group of fans cheers frantically as they watch their team knock out opponents one at a time. Rubber



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Master Sgt. Scott Drayna (left), 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Sergio Heras, 355th Dental Squadron, fight for the point during a sand volleyball tournament Sept. 30. The D-M community has another opportunity to participate in a volleyball tournament Nov. 13 during the DM 50 picnic.

balls pass back and forth hitting legs, backs and arms. With each direct hit, the team climbs one step closer to the winner's bracket.

But this is not just the stuff stories are made of. In fact, the entire Davis-Monthan community will have the opportunity to showcase such talent by participating in volleyball and dodgeball tournaments Nov. 13.

According to Capt. Michael Lyle, 355th Wing DM 50 picnic co-chairman, the tournaments will be held during this year's DM 50 picnic at Bama Park.

"The purpose of the volleyball and dodgeball tournaments is to provide activities for adults (during the picnic)," Captain Lyle said.

The tournaments will consist of single elimination matches and anyone over the age of 17 can participate.

"There is a possibility of up to 16 teams (for each tournament) with six people (on each) team," said Staff Sgt. Erika Shay, 355th Wing NCO in charge of training. "The teams can be squadron teams or people can mix and match."

According to Sergeant Shay, the volleyball tournament will begin at 11 a.m. and the dodgeball tournament will begin at 2 p.m.

"The DM 50 has put more than \$75,000 toward helping make this year's (picnic) a success," Captain Lyle said. During the picnic, there will be free hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips, beer and soda as well as prizes for the winners of the tournaments.

"The DM 50 has donated prizes for the first through third place winners with each first place team winning 12 tickets to the University of Arizona Fiesta Bowl Classic Basketball Tournament," Captain Lyle said.

Anyone interested in forming a team should contact the 355th Wing Command Post at 228-7400 with the team name, captain and players. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Fitness Center Classes

The following list includes classes offered at both fitness centers with class fees if applicable. For more information, visit either the Fitness and Sports Center or Haeffner Fitness Center or call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - New Fitness Center
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - New FC

Tuesday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - High - New FC
10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - New FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Haeffner
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) New FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Thursday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC
10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - New FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - New FC
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) New FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC

Sunday

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC

Indoor pool hours

Mondays through Fridays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m and Sundays and Holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sports Shorts

Coaches Training

The D-M Youth Center will host Coaches Training Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. This training is mandatory for all basketball coaches. For more information, call 228-8844.

Basketball Registration

The D-M Youth Center will hold Basketball Registration Wednesday and Nov. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost for D-M Youth

Center members is \$40 and \$45 for non-members. Age brackets for basketball teams are as follows: 5 to 6 year olds, 7 to 8 year olds, 9 to 10 year olds, 11 to 12 year olds and 13 to 15 year olds. The following are the skill evaluation dates for each team: 5 to 6 year olds and 7 to 8 year olds, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m.; 9 to 10 year olds, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.; 11 to 12 year olds, Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m.; and 13 to 15 year olds, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 228-8844.

Sports Shorts

Mandatory parent meetings

The Davis-Monthan Youth Center will hold basketball meetings for parents Dec. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. Parents must attend one of these mandatory meetings. For more information, call 228-8844.

Football Frenzy prizes

Football Frenzy continues at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Prizes and giveaways include a Jeep Wrangler, authentic National Football League jerseys, club bucks, gift certificates and dozens of sponsor gifts. In addition to being treated to football games on seven screens, club members also have the opportunity to enjoy food and drink specials including \$3 pizzas, 25 cent hot wings as well as hoagies from Cabanas Restaurant. Club members also have a chance to win Air Force Club prizes that include a plasma television, a trip to a regular season NFL game, the 2005 Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. or the 2005 Pro Bowl in Hawaii. There are also a variety of local prizes up for grabs including a deluxe barbecue grill from Home Depot and an X-Box System with the game Madden NFL 2005. More local grand prizes are ex-

pected to be announced soon. For a chance to win, stop by the club every Monday night. Doors open at 4 p.m. For more information, call 748-8666 or 228-3100.

New Yoga Class

The Haeffner Fitness Center now offers a Yoga Class Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost of the class is \$2. The Yoga Class caters to a wide variety of skill levels including those who are brand new to the practice of yoga. For more information, call 228-3714.

Spinning Class

The Davis-Monthan community can participate in a Spinning Class at the Haeffner Fitness Center. Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost Tuesday and Thursday is \$2. The Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes are free. For more information, call 228-3714.

Fantasy Island bike ride

Outdoor recreation will host a bike ride to the Fantasy Island trail Nov. 27. The ride includes a 14 mile trail which was rated by bikers from all over the U.S. as one of the best trails in Tucson and throughout Arizona. The terrain includes mostly flat landscape

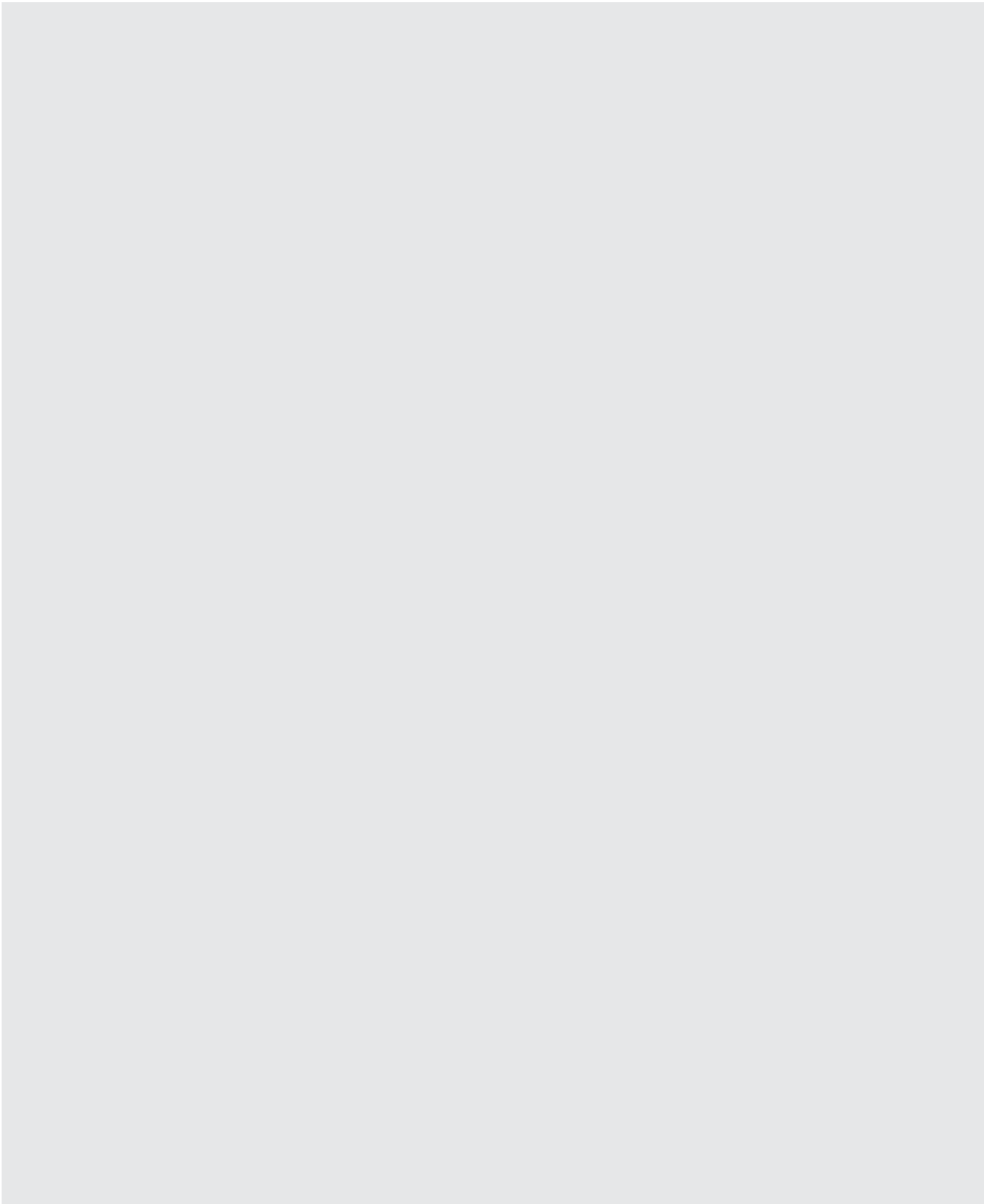
with rollercoaster hills throughout making it ideal for beginners to experienced riders alike. In addition, riders can experience a wide variety of sights between the flora and wildlife. The trip costs \$35 and includes front suspension bikes and a guide. For more information regarding the trail or what to wear, call 228-3736.

Equipment rental

D-M's Outdoor Recreation has hundreds of items for rent ranging from camping equipment to tools and sports equipment. To see their selection of items, visit them in Building 4430 or visit www.dmservicesonline.com. For more information, call 228-3736.

Ski trip

Outdoor recreation will host a trip to the Sunrise Resort in the White Mountains Dec. 17 through 19 where there are 10 lifts and 65 runs. Participants will stay at the Sunrise Park Resort. The resort offers comfortable rooms, a deluxe suite, restaurants, lounge, gift shop, pool, whirlpools, sauna and game room. The trip costs \$270 and includes transportation, two nights lodging and two day lift tickets. Each participant will be responsible for renting and taking care of their own skis. For more information regarding the ski trip, call 228-3736.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Working Women's Power Hour

All civilian and active duty women working on D-M are invited to the Working Women's Power Hour. Sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, the Power Hour offers a time of lunch and fellowship with a short, uplifting devotion. They meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club in the Saguaro Room. Those wanting lunch can buy it at the club before joining the group. Call Cindy Scott at 514-1031 to make a reservation at least two days prior to the event.

Education Services

BTES closure

The D-M Base Training and Education Services Office and all on-base colleges will close Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Squadron Officer School

Monday the SOS Nonresident Program 28 opened for new enrollments. The program is entirely web based; no course materials are mailed. Students will only receive a postcard confirming enrollment and can enroll through the D-M Base Training and Education Services Office. The SOS Programs 26 and 27 are closed to enrollment. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Foreign transcripts

Military personnel who have degrees from foreign universities can have their transcripts evaluated by agencies listed in the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. The Defence Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Web site provides this listing at www.dantes.doded.mil/dantesweb/refpubs/fttr.htm. Each agency charges a specific fee for this service. For

more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Basic Officer Training Program

Changes to the BOT Program can be viewed on the new BOT application guide. The new Air Force Form Information Management Tool 56 is now in use. The old Air Force Form 56 will not be accepted. Changes have also been made to acceptable degrees for the Technical and Critical-Technical Panels. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Baby Basics Class

The next Baby Basics Class takes place Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon on the second floor of Building 4220. New or expectant mothers can learn about their baby's development. Discussions take place regarding basic infant care, growth and development. For more information, call 228-2104.

Pre-separation Counseling

This class takes place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday and Nov. 23 from 9 to 10 a.m. Mandatory for military members, the class will acquaint departing Airmen with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 15 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a

variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare can be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the D-M Family Support Center Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon for a \$3 bag sale. Consignments close at 11:30 a.m. The Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is also open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association has a meeting Nov. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Monte's Place in The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The entire Davis-Monthan community is invited. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Ziemer at 228-3054.

Eagle Scouts Recognition Dinner

D-M will host an Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner Nov. 16 at The Mirage Officers' Club. Eagle Scouts or friends of scouting who would like to help can call Chief Master Sgt. Robert Franklin at 228-4426.

Movies

Admission is for Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests only. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.



Today at 7 p.m.

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow, PG — Famous scientists around the world have mysteriously disappeared and reporter Polly Perkins along with ace aviator Sky Captain are on the investigation. Aided by Franky Cook and technical genius Dex, Polly and Sky Captain may be the planet's only hope. *1 hour; 47 minutes*



Saturday at 7 p.m.

Hero, PG-13 — A mysterious, nameless man appears at the king's palace claiming he has dispatched the kingdoms three most legendary killers. The king entreats him to describe in detail how he overcame each of them. So begins a Rashomon-like tale filled with high-flying action and passionate drama. *1 hour; 36 minutes*



Sunday at 7 p.m.

Wimbledon, PG-13 — When a tennis player who has lost rank and fallen to 157 meets a female player, his luck starts to change. She soon inspires him to set his sights on the Wimbledon Cup. But he must battle against more than a skeptical crowd in order to win; he must also fight against her skeptical father. *1 hour; 40 minutes*

Services Activities

Fall Bazaar

The D-M Arts and Crafts Center will sponsor a Fall Crafts Bazaar Saturday in the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club ballroom from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come by and visit with over 20 craft and specialty vendors including quilts, cross stitch, pet ware and bandanas, jewelry, scrapbooking, the Pampered Chef, hand painted items and more. This is an opportunity to get gift ideas for the holidays. Those interested in participating as a vendor can call 228-4385 and ask to speak to either Tracy or Sue.

Scrapbooking Class

Learn how to make Christmas layouts using non-traditional colors during a Scrapbooking Class at the D-M Arts and Crafts Center Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for new students and \$8 for returning students. This cost includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Teen Hot Air Balloon Trip

Davis-Monthan teens are invited to attend a Hot Air Balloon Trip Saturday from 6 to 10 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$50 per teen. Participating teens will balloon over the Tucson area. Teens are encouraged to sign up early as space is limited. For more information regarding the Hot Air Balloon Trip, call Kathy Sands at 228-8373.

Flea Market

The Desert Lightning Community Center will host a flea market and yard sale in the youth center parking lot Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. The D-M Community is invited to come and sell their stuff for cash or browse the other tables. Price for a six-foot table is \$5 or \$8 for two tables. For more information, call 228-3717 or 228-8844.

Win lunch for two

With the club's new Calendar Search Game, a club member from The Mirage Officers' Club and The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will win lunch for two every month. Club members should look for their last name and the last four of their club card somewhere on each club's current calendar. The names will be scrambled and directly adjacent to the last four consecutive numbers of the club card. The member who finds their name and club card numbers will win lunch for two at The Mirage. Winners can redeem their free lunches by stopping by the club and showing their current club card. One winner per club will be selected each month. For more information, call The Desert Oasis at 228-3100 or The Mirage at 228-3300.

Bingo Games

The Desert Lightning Community Center invites the D-M Community to come out for

Birthday Meal

The Desert Inn Dining Facility will host its bi-monthly birthday meal Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. The program is designed for those with meal cards. Each member may also invite one guest but guests not on Subsistence-in-Kind must pay for their meal. Squadron commanders, first sergeants, chief master sergeants and wing leadership are invited to serve the meal. First Sergeants or another representative will coordinate reservations for their squadrons. For more information, call 228-5219.

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, prepares and serves food at the Desert Inn Dining Facility for a bi-monthly birthday meal.



Courtesy photo

Bingo games every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. to allow social time before the early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are Bingo games, cash prizes and jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Participants must be 18 years old to play. Family Bingo games are also scheduled for Sunday and Dec. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 228-3717 or stop by the Desert Lightning Community Center in Building 4201.

Auto Skills All Nighter

The D-M Auto Skills Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19 until 8:30 p.m. Nov. 20. These increase hours allow shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. The center will provide pizza from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 228-3614.

Canned food drive

The D-M Youth Center and School Age Program will host a canned food drive Monday through Nov. 19. The drive is for the Airman's Attic for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Those interested in donating can drop cans off at the D-M Youth Center. The goal of the drive is 500 pounds. For more information, call 228-8844.

Children's Workshop

The D-M Arts and Crafts Center will host a Children's Workshop Nov. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. to cover a variety of projects with a Thanksgiving theme. The class costs \$7,

which includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Thanksgiving Day meal

The Desert Inn Dining Facility will offer a Thanksgiving Day meal Nov. 25 for all meal card holders, active duty personnel, retirees and their families. Thanksgiving Day hours are: breakfast from 6 to 8 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. The midnight meal line and flight kitchen will be closed. Please note those not on Subsistence-in-Kind must pay for their meal. For more information, call 228-5501.

"A Starry Snowy Southwest Night"

The D-M Chapel and 355th Services Squadron will host this event Nov. 30. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with 30 tons of real snow. The Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 6 p.m. Visits with Santa begin at 6:15 p.m. Free hayrides will be given through base housing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Squadron greeting cards will be on display as well as make-and-take crafts, snacks, beverages and a food bank donation tent. For more information, call the Desert Lightning Community Center at 228-3500.

Radiator conditioning special

The D-M Auto Skills Center will offer radiator flushes until Nov. 30 for \$49.95. Dexcool systems will cost extra. The flush includes all chemicals and antifreeze. Those interested can bring their own antifreeze to receive an additional \$14 discount. For more information, call 228-3614.



